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In re Application of
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed April 9, 2007.

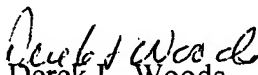
This Petition is hereby **granted**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely and properly reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, mailed December 8, 2006. The Notice set a non-extendable three (3) month period for reply. No reply having been received, the application became abandoned on March 9, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed April 5, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of payment of the issue fee and the publication fee; (2) the petition fee; and (3) a statement of unintentional delay¹.

This application is being referred to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3232.


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¹ 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.